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Docket No. NDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER NOG-0019 Art Unit Examiner Application No. Filing Date 10/699,822 November 4, 2003 N. Wells 2881 Applicant(s): Masaru FURUTA et al. METHOD FOR PREPARING A SAMPLE FOR USE IN LASER DESORPTION IONIZATION Invention: MASS SPECTROMETRY AND SAMPLE PLATE USED IN SUCH A METHOD TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims **Highest** Remaining Number Number Previously Extra Claims After **Amendment** Paid Present Rate 0.00 20 **Total Claims** 18 х Independent х 0.00 3 3 = Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x Large Entity Small Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 18-0013 x The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: July 29, 2004 David T. Nikaido Attorney Reg. No.: 22,663 Carl Schaukowitch Attorney Reg. No.: 29,211 RADER, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC 1233 20th Street, N.W. Suite 501 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 955-3750

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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-18 other are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 13-18 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)